

Message Text

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ORIGIN SCS-06

INFO OCT-01 OC-06 CCO-00 ISO-00 /013 R

DRAFTED BY CA:SCS:JLWARD:GJL

APPROVED BY CA:SCS:AAGISE

OC/T:WSPURR(PHONE)

CA/SCS:LPMULLIN

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FM SECSTATE WASHDC

TO ALL DIPLOMATIC AND CONSULAR POSTS

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INFORM CONSULS

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: CDES

SUBJECT: DIRECT RELAY NOTIFICATION OF DEATH TELEGRAMS

REF: CA-1597 OF MARCH 19, 1976

1. THERE HAVE BEEN RECENT INSTANCES IN WHICH OFFICIAL
DIRECT RELAY TELEGRAMS FROM POSTS NOTIFYING THE NEXT OF
KIN THAT AN AMERICAN CITIZEN HAS DIED ABROAD HAVE NOT
BEEN DELIVERED IN A TIMELY FASHION BY WESTERN UNION
TO THE ADDRESSEE, OR IN SOME CASES HAVE NOT BEEN
DELIVERED AT ALL. SCS AND OC/T HAVE BEEN WORKING WITH
WESTERN UNION IN AN ATTEMPT TO RESOLVE THIS PROBLEM.
WE HAVE DEVELOPED A NEW SYSTEM WHEREIN ALL OFFICIAL
DEATH NOTIFICATION MESSAGES FROM POSTS ABROAD WILL BE
RELAYED TO WESTERN UNION WITH INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE
DEPARTMENT THAT THE TELEGRAM BE HAND DELIVERED WITHIN
24 HOURS AND THAT THE DEPARTMENT BE ADVISED WHEN DELIVERY
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HAS BEEN ACCOMPLISHED.

2. IN ORDER TO INSURE THAT DEATH NOTIFICATION MESSAGES
ARE PROPERLY HANDLED UNDER THIS NEW SYSTEM, ALL ADDRESSEE
POSTS ARE ADVISED THAT, BEGINNING IMMEDIATELY, ALL
OFFICIAL DIRECT RELAY NOTIFICATION OF DEATH TELEGRAMS
SHOULD HAVE THE WORDS "CASUALTY MESSAGE" ENTERED AS

A CAPTION LINE ON THE TELEGRAM, WHEN IT IS PREPARED
AT POSTS. CHRISTOPHER

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Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptoning: X
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Channel Indicators: n/a
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Concepts: n/a
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Decaption Note:
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